

leader and pipeliner, who is beloved by his family, friends, and state. He is a man whose devotion to family, friends, church and business of Bartlesville, Oklahoma is legendary. Bill is turning 70 years old on February 19th.

Born in Bartlesville in 1929, Bill has devoted his life to bettering the town he so loves. His untiring work and generosity have earned him countless awards and recognition throughout his city and state.

Bill was a pioneer in oil exploration and pipelining. His career took him from Bartlesville to oil fiends throughout the world including North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Australia. After 29 years of service, Bill retired in 1979 as President of H.C. Price Company International.

Rather than enjoying a much-deserved retirement, Creel began his second career, turning his business and managerial skills toward helping his hometown of Bartlesville. Bill distinguished himself while serving as the President of the Bartlesville Area Chamber of Commerce by providing the necessary leadership to recruit new industries, develop tourism, and pass new sales tax legislation to fund economic development. His efforts on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts, the Public Library, the Oklahoma Mozart Festival, Junior Achievement, the Rotary Club, Jane Phillips Hospital, Woolaroc, and St. Johns Catholic Church as well as several historical sites throughout the area earned him statewide recognition through a dedicated "Bill Creel Day" in the state of Oklahoma. In addition, Bill was awarded the Governor's Art Award, Outstanding Citizen Award, membership in the Piepliner's Hall of Fame, Girl Scouts Green Angel, Boy Scout's Eagle Award, Civitan International Citizen of the Year Award, Junior Achievement Leadership Award, Centennial Award and Historian of the Year.

Bill Creel is a great man, husband, father, friend and proud American. He deserves special recognition for the many contributions he has made to the advancement of civic improvement through the arts and education, commercial and economic development, and for accomplishing his lifelong goal of making the world a better place.

EXTENDING THE PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY WIND POWER

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation to extend the placed in service date for the Production Tax Credit (PTC) for wind power for an additional 5 years. The present credit will expire on June 30, 1999. Wind equipment installed after that date will not qualify for the credit unless we act to extend the PTC now.

My bill will allow new high technology wind turbines installed during an additional five years to qualify for the 1.5 cent per kilowatt-

hour PTC created under the bi-partisan Energy Policy Act of 1992.

The wind power industry's potential in the United States is enormous. Wind generating costs have fallen 80% over the past decade and further efficiencies are achievable. States like the Dakotas, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Texas and Colorado offer enormous generating potential. Americans are developing new wind technologies that will give us a competitive edge as this market expands.

In addition, wind offers one technology we can promote to achieve reductions in climate-changing emissions. The America Wind Energy Association has estimated that under an extension of the PTC, working in conjunction with a set of policies aimed at further reducing costs, wind energy can achieve 30,000 megawatts of generating capacity in our country by 2010. Doing so would reduce CO₂ emissions by up to 100 million metric tons, contributing 18% of the reduction that the electric industry must achieve to reduce emissions back to 1990 emissions levels while producing new jobs. That is a goal we can support.

MADE IN AMERICA INFORMATION ACT

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to establish a toll-free phone number consumers can call to get information on products made in America. Similar legislation I authored was approved unanimously by the House in the 103d, 104th and 105th Congresses. Unfortunately, in each of the last three Congresses, the other body did not act on the bill.

My bill, the "Made in America Information Act," directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to contract out the program to a private company. The toll-free number will provide consumers with information on products made in this country. The bill uses the same definition for an American-made product that the FTC uses in determining uses of "Made in the USA" labels. Only those products with a sale price of \$250 or more would be included in the program. The bill would subject any companies providing false information to federal penalties. One of the key components of my bill is that the program would be self-financed through the imposition of a modest annual registration fee on participating companies.

The bill will not require the FTC to hire more people or create a new unit. The only expense to the commission would be to prepare language for the Federal Register and to prepare bid documents.

Let me reemphasize that the program will be contracted out and run by a private company. Companies would participate in the program on a voluntary basis. The program would not promote or favor one product over another. It would simply provide American consumers with information on what products are made in America.

When making a big purchase, most Americans want to "Buy American." This program will help them make an informed and patriotic decision. Best of all, it won't cost taxpayers a dime. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the "Made in America Information Act."

JOHN DILLON WAS THE FACE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CENTRAL NEW YORK

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to a man whose passing has left my community, and our nation, with one less hero. Former Onondaga County Sheriff John Dillon died January 14, 1999 and Central New Yorkers will grieve the loss for a long time to come.

The quintessential "Irish cop", John Dillon was known far and wide as a man of great humor, deep compassion and innate fairness. It should also be said that he was tough. Throughout his four-decade career, he was the epitome of the public safety provider. In fact, to many he was the face of law enforcement in Central New York.

John Dillon was a personal friend, so I know his attributes well, among them natural leadership. He was greatly respected by the men and women in uniform.

A devout Catholic and loving family man, John Dillon was fiercely proud of his Irish ancestry. When the Irish Ambassador at the time, Dermot Gallagher, visited Syracuse in 1997, it was John Dillon who regaled the Ambassador with the history of the West End of Syracuse, the home to many immigrant families.

With great pride and his characteristic dry wit, John Dillon recalled the layout of the neighborhood and, using nicknames for the colorful characters of his youth, told a touching story of an entire generation of Irish immigrant families.

He told of the Stonethrowers, the young men who defied city officials by repeatedly breaking the red light over the green on the traffic light at the main intersection of Tipperary Hill on the West End.

Never would the English red sit atop the Irish green, he told Ambassador Gallagher with fervor. And today, he pointed out, the green sits atop the red in one traffic light in America, Tipperary Hill in Syracuse, the birthplace of John Dillon.

The man we came to respect and so deeply admire served 25 years with the Syracuse Police Department before retiring as the First Deputy Police Chief. He was elected Onondaga County Sheriff later that year and held that post until retirement in 1994.

I want to add my sincere condolences to John's wonderful wife Ginny and their children. And I ask my colleagues to join me in this moment of recognition for a public official who served his community well.